



On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Davidson County

Davidson County received more than \$187 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Davidson County total.



Pell Grant Awards:
2,470



Small Business Jobs:
64

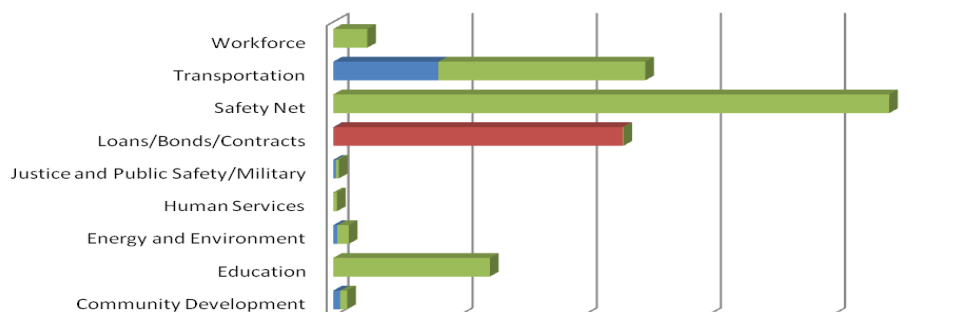


Appliances rebated:
425



Family homes financed:
97

Davidson County Totals



Sum of Prime Awards Sum of Sub-Awards Sum of Loans/Bonds

Davidson County,
pop 149,331 at a glance:

Recovery Act Totals:
Grants: \$141,415,708.50
Loans: \$15,459,643
Bonds: \$31,031,725

Total: \$187,907,076.50



Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

Davidson County schools received \$48.5 million in education funding, including \$5.5 million in Special Education funds, \$4.5 million in Title I funds, \$14 million in SFSF funds, \$2.8 million in Race to the Top funding and a \$18 million bond allocation.

Pell Grants are an educational Assistance Program that provides grants to eligible students to receive post-secondary or vocational training. Because Pell Grants are not student loans, they allow students to receive financial assistance to further education and training without incurring additional debt. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased the eligibility and the maximum amount of Pell Grants in 2009 and 2010 as a way to encourage educational opportunities, and to provide a way for eligible applicants to gain new job skills.

In Davidson County, Davidson County Community College had 2,470 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth more than \$2.8 million.



Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

In Davidson County, 97 families received assistance through this program totaling \$12 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the

program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

Davidson County retailers sold 425 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

In Davidson County 9 small businesses received SBA loan guarantees worth \$3 million. According to the small businesses receiving these loans, the Recovery Act saved or created 64 jobs.



Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

In Davidson County, \$22,044 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

In Davidson County, car dealers sold 36 cars worth almost than \$2 million through the ARRA CARS program.



Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

In Davidson County, the Davidson County Government, the City of Thomasville, the City of Lexington, and the Town of Denton received more than \$300,000 in JAG program grants.

The COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) awards grants to law enforcement agencies to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies. COPS funding also provides training and technical assistance to community members and local government leaders and all levels of law. In order to help leverage the efficiency of these programs Governor Perdue set aside additional funding to help pay for uniforms and equipment for local governments who have new COPS funded positions.

In Davidson County, the City of Lexington had one new officer funded through a COPS Grant. In addition, the Governor's Crime Commission gave the City of Lexington a \$4,000 grant to help outfit and equip the new officer.



Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

In Davidson County, the City of Thomasville received a water and sewer grant for \$125,000.



Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy and assist in the development of a green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grants include the Energy Efficiency

Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office then used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

In Davidson County, Davidson County Community College and Davidson County Public Schools received a SEP grant of \$179,832 to upgrade lighting in a gym and install a more energy efficient chiller. The City of Lexington received \$25,000 to upgrade lighting, install occupancy sensors and programmable thermostats and to replace air conditioning units and motors.



Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

Davidson County residents received more than \$10.5 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$1.2 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$1.5 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

Davidson County Feature Story

Davidson County Renovates, Repairs and Builds New Schools with ARRA QSCB Bonds

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act placed a special emphasis on infrastructure projects as a way to immediately impact jobs in the engineering and construction sectors, and as a way to make important, lasting impact in communities. There were several mechanisms for this type of investment: additional funding for the USDA's Community Facilities program, additional funding for water and sewer programs in states, special competitive grant programs for high-demand bridge and road projects, and a historic high-speed rail program to connect large metropolitan areas, to name a few.

The Recovery Act also established several new bond programs with zero or very low interest to allow state, local, and private entities to design construction and renovation projects at the ground level where these projects would have the most impact on a local economy. These bond programs gave the green light to many long-awaited projects across the state, including the development of new libraries, hospital facilities, recreational facilities, the construction of new schools, highways, water systems, and improvements to a host of critical infrastructure. North Carolina entities used more than \$3 billion in Recovery Act bond capacity.

The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, provided \$24.8 billion in bond authority to states and local governments for school infrastructure through two primary programs: a new Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs) program and the expansion of the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs) program. These are zero-interest, tax credit bond programs to provide a significant cost savings to school districts for construction and improvements. The Qualified School Construction Bond program provides Local Education Authorities with a method of funding construction/ repair/renovation of public school facilities or for land acquisition for a public school facility.

Davidson County School has several renovation projects funded through the QSCB program. Four schools had roof repairs completed thanks to QSCB funding: Welcome Elementary, Midway Elementary, Fair Grove Elementary, and Stoner-Thomas School. Jacket Academy also received a major investment thank to Recovery school bonds. The academy is an alternative school serving around 200 students who are former drop-outs or on out-of-school suspensions. Prior to the opportunity presented by the Recovery Act, Jacket Academy students met in mobile classrooms on the Lexington Middle School campus. The Recovery funding allowed Davidson County Schools to renovate an existing facility, Lexington Middle Schools old vocational education lab into a permanent new location. The 8,700 square foot renovation cost round \$400,000, provided work for 100 people, and generated business for several local building material suppliers.



The largest Davidson County QSCB project is the creation of a new middle school. The new Ledford and North Davidson District Middle School is being built on Hoy Long and Midway School roads. The new building will be a 148,000 square foot building for 864 students. The contract for the new building is around \$20 million, and \$13 million is financed through QSCB bonds. Work on the site began in February 2011, and the project is estimated to be 10% complete. The projected completion date for the new school is July 2012.

Appendix, Davidson County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role ⁱ	Prime Amount ⁱⁱ	Unique Sub Awards ⁱⁱⁱ	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) ^{iv}
	Bonds		P			\$26,831,725.00	
		Lexington	P			\$4,200,000.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$341,000.00		
	Federal Pell Grant Program	Davidson County Community College	P				
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$11,934,943.00	
Administration for Children and Families	ARRA - Child Care and Development Block Grant	Davidson, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$545,308.45	\$0.00	
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	ARRA - Immunization	Davidson, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$66,813.00	\$0.00	
Department of Agriculture	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$11,032,288.65		
Department of Energy	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)	Central Carolina Air Conditioning Company	S	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$580,600.00
		Davidson, County Of	P	\$631,100.00		\$0.00	\$9,500.00
		Lexington, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$249,692.00	\$0.00	
		Piedmont Triad Council Of Governments	S	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$41,000.00
	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Davidson, County Of	P	\$25,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Department of Health and Human Services	Aging Congregate Nutrition Services for States	Davidson County Senior Services	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition Services for States	Davidson County Senior Services	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Public Housing Capital Fund Formula (Recovery Act)	Lexington Housing Authority	P	\$580,164.00		\$0.00	\$580,164.00

Funded)						
		Thomasville Housing Authority	P	\$540,914.00		\$540,914.00
Department of Justice	Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	Lexington, City Of	P	\$145,005.00		\$145,005.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government	Davidson, County Of	P	\$104,720.00		\$104,720.00
		Lexington, City Of	P	\$94,004.00		\$94,004.00
		Thomasville, City Of	P	\$97,764.00		\$97,764.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/ Grants to States and Territories	Denton, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$6,470.24	\$0.00
		Lexington, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$3,998.80	\$0.00
Department of Labor	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$70,556,650.32	
Environmental Protection Agency	Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	Thomasville, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$125,604.00	\$0.00
Federal Aviation Administration	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Walker And Associates, Inc.	P	\$124,897.39		\$124,897.39
Federal Highway Administration	Highway Planning and Construction	Apac-Atlantic, Inc Thompson Arthur Division	PV	\$0.00		\$2,961,585.65
		Flatiron - Lane, A Joint Venture	PV	\$0.00		\$9,929,438.22
		Larco Construction	PV	\$0.00		\$1,648,973.92
		Mountain Creek Contractors, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$1,847,527.39
		North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$1,784,410.00		\$1,784,410.00
				\$3,211,948.00		\$3,211,948.00
				\$1,944,158.00		\$1,944,158.00
				\$10,000,000.00		\$10,000,000.00
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P			\$60,075.00

National Energy Technology Laboratory	State Energy Program	Davidson County Community College	S	\$0.00	\$179,832.00	\$0.00
		The Trustees Of Davidson College	S	\$0.00	\$7,200.00	\$0.00
		Thomasville Furniture Industries, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$292,624.00	\$0.00
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	Education Technology State Grants, Recovery Act	Davidson County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$49,662.00	\$0.00
		Lexington City Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$33,992.00	\$0.00
		Thomasville City School District	S	\$0.00	\$1,093,910.30	\$0.00
	School Improvement Grants, Recovery Act	Davidson County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$2,069,211.00	\$0.00
		Davidson County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$10,619,119.00	\$0.00
		Davidson County Community College	S	\$0.00	\$597,006.34	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Lexington City Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$1,743,593.00	\$0.00
		Thomasville City School District	S	\$0.00	\$1,426,838.00	\$0.00
		Davidson County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$1,312,884.00	\$0.00
		Lexington City Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$898,640.00	\$0.00
		Thomasville City School District	S	\$0.00	\$662,372.00	\$0.00
		Davidson County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$2,007,711.00	\$0.00
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Lexington City Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$1,467,573.00	\$0.00
		Thomasville City School District	S	\$0.00	\$1,066,639.00	\$0.00
		Davidson	S	\$0.00	\$162,919.00	\$0.00
Office of Special	Special					

Education and Rehabilitative Services	Education - Preschool Grants, Recovery Act	County Board Of Education					
		Lexington City Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$29,788.00	\$0.00	
	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Davidson County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$4,139,996.00	\$0.00	
		Lexington City Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$757,922.00	\$0.00	
		Thomasville City School District	S	\$0.00	\$596,317.00	\$0.00	
Small Business Administration	Loans	Allred And Carrick, Cpas, P.C.	L			\$250,000.00	
		East Coast Wings And Grill	L			\$1,534,000.00	
		Ernest Lee Winegarner & Ava L	L			\$45,700.00	
		Fabrics & More Inc	L			\$284,000.00	
		Matthews Enterprises LLC	L			\$100,000.00	
		Pop Shoppe	L			\$35,000.00	
		Specialty National, Inc	L			\$319,000.00	
		Tarheel Plastics, LLC	L			\$957,000.00	
SSA	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$7,987,750.00		
Grand Total				\$19,284,384.39	\$122,131,324.11	\$46,491,368.00	\$35,706,684.57

ⁱ Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

ⁱⁱ Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to www.federalreporting.gov

ⁱⁱⁱ Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

^{iv} Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.